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### **CALTRANS REPLACES BRIDGE IN 28 DAYS**

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the opening of Marble Wash Bridge on Interstate 40, just east of Kelbaker Road on Thursday, April 26, 2007. This bridge is one of 12 damaged bridges that are being replaced on Interstate 40.

The contractor, Skanska, began construction on Marble Wash Bridge on March 30, 2007. Through innovative construction techniques such as the use of pre-cast, pre-stressed girders and the first usage of pre-cast bridge abutments, the Marble Wash Bridge was completed and opened for public use in 28 days. Using traditional construction methods, constructing a bridge such as this would normally take up to nine months to build. "This is an amazing accomplishment when you consider the size of this structure and its remote location" stated Hector Davila, Caltrans Deputy Director of Construction. Caltrans' structural design team's decision to utilize this method of bridge construction opens the door to new options for California's highways. Not all bridges can be designed using pre-cast materials, particularly in bridge supports. Yet when possible, use of this technology can lead to building bridges in roughly half the time while saving costs and reducing inconvenience to motorists.

Caltrans would like to thank motorists for their continued patience and support during the Interstate 40 Bridge Replacement project. Work continues and the remaining five westbound bridges will be open for public use early this summer. Caltrans asks that motorists please be aware of the construction area and always make a point to ***SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.***

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